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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 10, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 10, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. A petition for a one-month extension of time and an extension fee of \$120.00 is enclosed herewith to extend the response date up to and including December 10, 2005.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.